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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMP, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA SITREP NO. 10: 1700 HOURS (EDT) MAY 19

1. FRENCH AND BELGIAN OPERATION. AT 1300 GMT TODAY 405
FRENCH PARATROOPS WERE DROPPED INTO KOLWEZI, WHERE THEY WERE
SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED TO BE IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH REBEL
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AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA THAT HIS TROOPS HAD FREED 25 EUROPEAN
HOSTAGES, BUT HAD FOUND ABOUT 40 RECENTLY EXECUTED EUROPEAN
BODIES. THIS REPORT IS SKETCHY AND NEEDS INDEPENDENT INFOR-
MATION, DESPITE A SIMILAR ZAIRE PRESS REPORT.

THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TONIGHT TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS
TO SEND TROOPS TO OCCUPY KOLWEZI AIRPORT EARLY ON THE
MORNING OF MAY 20.

AS OF 2000 GMT, FOUR U.S. C-141 AIRCRAFT -- THREE CARRYING
FUEL AND ONE CARRYING FRENCH SUPPORT EQUIPMENT -- HAD
ARRIVED AT KAMINA AIR BASE, 130 MILES NORTH OF KOLWEZI.

2. AMERICAN CITIZENS. MORRISON-KNUDSEN IN KANANGA HAS
REPORTED RADIO CONTACT WITH TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARY FAMILIES

IN KOLWEZI ON THE EVENING OF MAY 18. THIS IS OUR FIRST
INDICATION THAT EIGHT OF THE 13 AMERICANS IN KOLWEZI MAY BE
ALIVE AND WELL. THERE IS AS YET NO WORD ON THE OTHER FIVE
AMERICANS. (THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TOTAL WAS REDUCED FROM
14 TO 13 BECAUSE ONE SPOUSE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A GER-

MAN.)

3. INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. THE CALM THAT HAS PREVAILED IN KINSHASA SINCE THE ONSET OF THE SHABA EVENTS WAS INTERRUPTED MAY 19 BY DEMONSTRATIONS -- PRESUMED TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT -- AGAINST THE SOVIET, ALGERIAN, AND LIBYAN EMBASSIES. THE CROWDS WERE SMALL (ESTIMATED AT 150) BUT CAUSED SOME DAMAGE, SUCH AS BROKEN WINDOWS, TO THE SOVIET AND ALGERIAN EMBASSIES. VANCE

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